



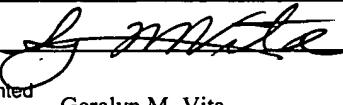
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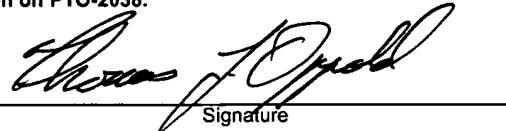
I am the

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assignee of record of the entire interest.
See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed.
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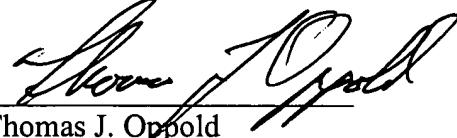
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Title: Temporary Ramp

REMARKS

Applicant appeals the Examiner's rejections in the final office action mailed on June 4, 2003 of pending claims 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 35, 36 and 39 of the above referenced Application.


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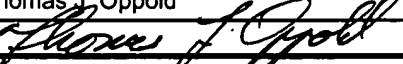
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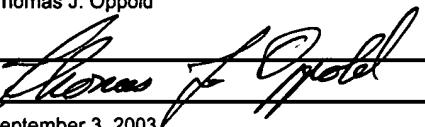
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